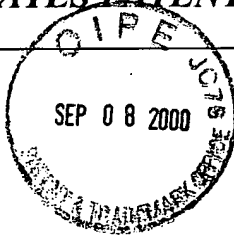


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PACKETS BETWEEN COMPUTER NETWORKS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A method for transmitting and receiving packets of data via [a] an internetwork for a first host computer on a first computer network to a second host computer on a second computer network, the first and second computer networks including, respectively, first and second bridge computers, each of said first and second host computers and first and second bridge computers including a processor and a memory for storing instructions for execution by the processor, each of said first and second bridge computers further including memory for storing at least one predetermined encryption/decryption mechanism and